

**“Introduction to  
Outcome-based Quality  
Improvement (OBQI) Reports”**

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**Web Site**

**[http://www.hcfa.gov/medicaid/  
oasis/hhtrain.htm](http://www.hcfa.gov/medicaid/oasis/hhtrain.htm)**

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**The OBQI reports offer a  
national benchmark.**

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**New computer system allows  
better access and increased  
security by home health  
agencies.**

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**OASIS provides assessment  
data to measure patient  
outcomes.**

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**What are outcomes?**

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**Outcomes are changes in the patient's health status resulting from the care provided.**

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**OBQI measures the quality of care provided by the agency against patient outcomes.**

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**State Agency is expected to provide a one-day training session in each state about the OBQI reports and how to improve care in the home health agency.**

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**CMS Expectations:**

**Using outcome data can potentially impact patient outcomes by improving care.**

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**CMS Expectation:**

**OBQI presents an opportunity without regulation.**

**There is no regulation in effect now that requires home health agencies to use the OBQI process.**

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**CMS Expectation:**

**CMS believes that many home health agencies will voluntarily choose to use the OBQI process to improve quality.**

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**Actions to learn about OBQI:**

**Read the OBQI  
Implementation Manual.**

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**Actions to learn about OBQI:**

**Attend the one-day OBQI  
training program offered by  
the state agency.**

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**Actions to learn about OBQI:**

**Take advantage of Quality  
Improvement Organization  
activities when available.**

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**CMS Expectations:**

**Data from these reports may serve as the basis of a future information system about home health agencies so that beneficiaries can make choices about their care.**

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**The outcome reports appear in two sections:  
“Risk-adjusted Outcome Reports”and  
“Descriptive Outcome Reports.”**

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**Confidentiality of the OBQI Reports.**

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**Confidentiality of OBQI Reports:**

**“This report has not been approved to meet privacy requirements and can only be used by the home health agency and state agency for defined purposes.”**

From OBQI risk-adjusted and descriptive outcome reports

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**Confidentiality of OBQI Reports:**

**“This report contains confidential information to be used by the home health agency and state agency and is not to be shared with any other individual, in accordance with 42 CFR 484.11 Condition of Participation: Release of patient identifiable information.”**

From OBQI case mix and outcome tally reports

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**Next Steps!**

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